of India's Representative for Naga Peace Talks. However, any efforts on the part of Chief Minister, Members of Parliament and leading citizens to bring the militant outfits to the negotiating table, are welcome.

Clashes between two communities at Talhan, Punjab

2448. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has asked for a report from the State Government over the recent clashes between two communities at Talhan (Punjab);

(b) whether the National Commission for SC/ST has blamed the district administration for lapses leading to clashes at Talhan;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Central Intelligence Agency of the US has also submitted a situation report on Talhan clashes to Government of India; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction on this report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission for SC/ST have reported that their team of officers headed by DIG (P) made an on the spot enquiry and the Commission made recommendation to the Government of Punjab. The findings of the Commission are that the police including the SHO appeared to have played a partisan role by not providing the protection, which was sought by the Scheduled Caste community of Talhan and have instead indulged in an uncalled for lathi-charge. The Administration instead of shifting the SHO, shielded him and could not take into account the serious implication and left it to-junior functionaries to sort out the issue.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Economic Union of Southern States

2449. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee of the Southern Zonal Council under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government